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Title: COMPOSITE CERAMIC

HAVING NANO-SCALE DIMENSIONS

AND METHOD FOR

MANUFACTURING SAME

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ELECTION

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 6, 2004, in the above-captioned application. In the Office Action, claims 1-21 stand subject to a restriction or election requirement. In support of the requirement, the Office Action states that this application contains two (2) groups of inventions, i.e., Group I: claims 1-13, drawn to a method and Group II: claims 14-21, drawn to a composite, which do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

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In response thereto, the Group II invention of claims 14-21, drawn to a composite is provisionally elected, without traverse, for prosecution on the merits.

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